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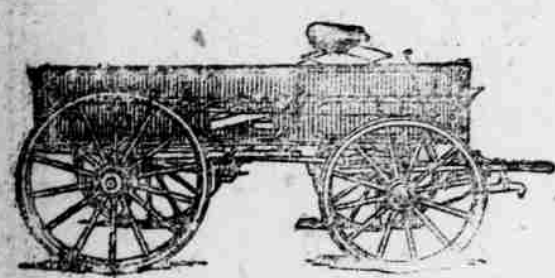
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KARN'S PANTOMIME, CONROY, LEMIRE CO., MONIE MINE, THE STELLAR THINGS ON THIS WEEK'S BILL WHICH IS REPLET WITH PLEASING ITEMS.

Review: It was a close race for first honors at Poli's last night between two features of the bill with just about an even break. Just which caused the greater furor, Karn's English pantomime extravaganza, "The London Slums" or Conroy, Lemire &amp; Co. in their comedy presentation, "A King for a Night" would be difficult to say. Karn's production as usual was the headliner of the bill, but "A King for a Night" although the third feature caused a riot of laughter and applause. Karn's masterpiece was given by pantomime aggregation of fifteen "speechless comedians" and with special stage settings, Conroy, Lemire &amp; Co. worked in a riot of house scenery but they accomplished great results. These two features coupled with the added feature Monie Mine a singing English comedienne made up an almost entire vaudeville bill in themselves.

There is no question that Conroy Lemire &amp; Co. produced more laughter last night than has resounded within the great dome of Poli's before in many a moon. The story underlying the clever sketch "A King for a Night" has to do with a confidence man from America and his friend a court artist, and a beautiful and wealthy French heiress. Having heard that said heiress is pining to entertain a real king at her mansion the "confidence man" induces his dark complexioned friend to pass as the King of Blackwell's for one night, holding out that they will collect the handsome reward of several thousand francs offered by the heiress for the favor of entertaining nobility. The confidence man and the "King" finally reach the mansion of the French woman. Trouble of a kind arises at the entrance of the confidence man. There is one long scream throughout the sketch which runs about twenty minutes on the stage.

Monie Mine just over from England, y'know, sang four story-songs and made as many lightning costume changes. Miss Mine is pretty and vivacious and her wardrobe is something to make the eyes of the audience. Miss Mine is also a clever little terpsichorean artist. She was well received. Walter Lewis &amp; Co. presented a laughable sketch, they call "The Baby Grand" introducing the troubles of a young man and woman who are married on the sly and have a young hopeful and how "Pa" is finally made wise enough to come to his senses. This sketch is another good long laugh.

Cartmell &amp; Harris who were with Geo. M. Cohan's "Fifty Miles From Boston" have a very clever little singing and dancing act. Miss Harris introduces some artistic ballet dancing.

One of the most pleasing tenor soloists heard this season is John J. McClosky who sang three selections last night in a surprisingly clear and mellowness. Mr. McClosky was warmly received.

McClosky &amp; Kennedy two Bridgeport boys opened the bill with a decidedly novel and finished comedy acrobatic turn, that made good from the start. The electrograph closed a thoroughly good show.

Poli Souvenirs  
FOR LINCOLN DAY  
Birthday of the Martyred President to be Remembered at Poli's Theatre by Distribution of Beautiful Engraving of Bust of Lincoln.

Manager Poli has arranged a fitting tribute to the memory of Abraham Lincoln the one day anniversary of whose birth is celebrated throughout this broad land on next Friday, February 12, by purchasing at a considerable cost several thousand beautiful colored engravings of the head and bust of the martyred President for distribution among his patrons who attend the matinee performance on Friday.

The engravings are not to be classed in the chrono aggregation, and are really a work of art, worthy of being framed and hung in the most tastefully arranged galleries in the city. The pictures are painted upon tinted brown paper of a very excellent grade and measure fourteen inches in length by ten inches in width. The engravings were struck off from one of the most beloved portraits of the martyred Lincoln and are especially fine.

Every patron who attends the Lincoln Day matinee will receive one of these handsome souvenirs in honor of the day.

## IN THE CITY COURT

In the City court this morning the case against Joseph Pasty, charged with cutting one Dawson with a razor last August, was continued till tomorrow.

The case against Orger Kelly, charged with assault upon a woman, which was continued from time to time, was again continued, this time till the 27th. Joseph Kelly entered Kleban &amp; Gelman's store yesterday afternoon. While alone in the store he saw a young girl slip two pairs of ladies' hose into his pocket. He was detected in the act and was arrested by Sgt. Regan. Judge Pullman imposed a fine of \$7 and costs and 60 days in jail.

## Park City Theatre.

Remember you see a different show at this theatre every night. We have another good bill for to-night: Sherlock Holmes, After Many Years, His Only Pair of Trousers, Sad Awakening and the Human Incubator. The illustrated song for to-night is "My Old Lady." Don't forget we have a matinee on Wednesday and a special matinee on Friday, Lincoln's Birthday, for which we will have extra strong bill. Call and see us. Newfield and Stratford avenues.

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POLY RELIEVE WATER COMPANY OF  
PUBLIC UTILITIES SUPERVISION  
Attorney Joshua Meltzer Presents Sound Arguments to the Tax Board--Contract is from Year to Year and Can be Annulled at Any Time.

The following protest against an appropriation for the 20 year water contract was filed with the Board of Apportionment by Attorney Joshua Meltzer, Democratic candidate for Senator in the 23rd Senatorial district, last fall. Mr. Meltzer is a large property owner. Gentlemen--Believing that your honorable board is sincerely desirous to hear the frank expression of every taxpayer about the so-called 20 year contract before you decide whether you will appropriate any money for it, I have therefore taken the liberty to state to you in an open letter my reasons why you ought not appropriate any money for the 20 year contract. It was apparent to me, from the questions asked and statements made at the public hearing on the matter, that there is a confusion of ideas on the subject, and that the vital points involved in this question have been obscured by oratorical effusion and extraneous matter brought into the discussion.

There seems to me to be only three points to be considered by your honorable board before deciding this question, and I shall state them in their logical order:

First--Is there an absolute legal contract subsisting between the city of Bridgeport and the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. which would involve the city in litigation in case it failed to make appropriation for it? or if it is only a conditional contract, which is terminated by failure of appropriation?

Second--Is there such a pressing need for water that it would be advisable to validate this 20 years' contract by an appropriation?

Third--What advantage or gain is there to the city of Bridgeport in making a long term 20 year contract, that your honorable board would consider it a civic duty to give it a new lease of life by an appropriation, notwithstanding the storm of opposition to the contract by 95 per cent. of the taxpayers of the city of Bridgeport?

The first point has been already answered by the City Attorney, and even a layman reading the charter provisions of the city charter, and reading the decision of the Supreme court in the Toomey case, could not but agree with the conclusion that the validity of this 20 years' contract is entirely a matter of public policy.

The second point, namely, "What pressing need is there for a contract with the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.?" this question involves the question of the necessity of water in the public mind on the subject. It must not be forgotten, in the first place, that the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. is a PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION, and its business is entirely different from the status of a private corporation. A private corporation may refuse to sell, or it may charge any price it chooses for its product, with such a corporation is a necessity, but in the case of the Hydraulic Co., which is a public service corporation having a monopoly of an absolute public necessity, no such thing can ever occur. It must supply water to every one, who will comply with its reasonable regulations, and can charge no more than a REASONABLE RATE for its service.

A reasonable rate HAS BEEN RETURNED by courts to be a FAIR RETURN upon the ACTUAL investment in the property used at all times, and used in the collection and distribution of water to consumers. A fair return upon investment has been variously construed: All the way from 3 per cent. to 6 per cent. has been considered as a fair return, but never more than 6 per cent. was allowed to a public service corporation. This last amount of 6 per cent. was in the State of New York, which was recently decided by the U. S. Supreme court. On this point the U. S. Supreme court had this to say:

In this particular case, with reference to the risk attending the business and the locality where it is carried on, the complainant is entitled to a fair return. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO 6 per cent. upon the ACTUAL INVESTMENT in the property ACTUALLY USED IN ITS BUSINESS of supplying gas."

Compare that decision, gentlemen, with the OFFICIAL statement of the Hydraulic Co., that it pays only 3 per cent. dividend to its stockholders upon its investment in property, when it holds property DOUBLE the amount of what it needs at or near the distribution and collection of water to consumers.

If the surplus property held by the Co. should be deducted from its investment, you will find that its dividend is 16 per cent. instead of 3 per cent. There are master minds in the Hydraulic Co., who know how to conceal from the public the true income of the company.

The feature of the rebate in taxes of the Co. is very objectionable in the contract. No increase in the valuation of the Co.'s property will secure to the city of Bridgeport, for the next 20 years, and no matter how much property the Co. may acquire, it could be taxed only upon one million dollars. Is that fair and honest to the taxpayers of the city? It might be true that the Co. will not take advantage of this clause, but as an eminent jurist said in a similar case, it is not what will be done, but what can be done under the contract? And who knows what the Co. will do under the clause of this contract, so long as it has a right to do so? And can you honorable men,

lend yourself to approve such an iniquitous contract? Can you countenance it by appropriating money for it? I say, the least fallacious. You cannot compare two cities when they are geographically differently situated. The might have to go a great distance for water and the cost for collection and distribution might be more, and therefore its charges to the consumers more while the other city is so favorably situated that it has not got to go far to obtain its water supply, and its collection costs it less, therefore it ought to charge less, and in law you can compel it to do so. And Bridgeport being very favorably situated in regard to its water supply, far more favorably than New Haven, it follows that the Hydraulic Co. ought to charge a good deal cheaper than the New Haven Co. And it follows from this that the Nathaniel Greene proposition as to comparison with other cities and towns has no value except as to bind the city of Bridgeport to a maximum charge, beyond which it could not go under all circumstances, but if such a maximum rate should be more than the law says is a reasonable rate, then the company would have to reduce the rate, though it is a good deal less than the rates in other cities.

There is a good deal more to be said in opposition to this obnoxious 20 year contract, but I believe I have stated sufficient reasons why you ought not appropriate any money for it and validate it thereby.

The very fact that the contract is conditional, and that the citizens of Bridgeport, irrespective of party affiliations, ought to make you pause and halt before you decide to force a contract upon the city against the expressed popular will.

It might be true that you are not politicians, and the political fate of those who forced the contract upon the city would not be a deterrent to you, but all of you are honorable men, our solid citizens, upon whom the public relies that you will do your civic duty by them in your very important office, and will protect them from any contract in the municipal administration, which is the result of either corruption or incompetence, and in consequence, gentlemen, that the memory of those in public office, who respected the maxim: "Vox Populi vox Dei? The voice of the people is the voice of God?" has been always cherished by their fellow citizens, and the memory of those who in political life agreed with him, who said: "The public be damned!" has always been condemned.

Respectfully,  
JOSHUA MELTZER,  
A Taxpayer.

## ELAZECK MARRIED

WILE CUT ON BOND

## CIRCUMVENTED THE WOMAN HE BROUGHT OVER AND MARRIED ANOTHER.

Justice Wilder found probable cause against Michael Elazek who was tried before him on a charge of bastardy. It is alleged that Elazek brought the complainant, Annie Bejek, from Hungary for immoral purposes. Since his arrest, and while he was at liberty on a bond Elazek married another girl he had also brought from Hungary. The Bejek girl prevented the marriage when it was first arranged by causing the arrest of the bridegroom. He circumvented the girl, however, by having the ceremony performed while he was at liberty.

## HOUSEWARMING AT CHAUFFEURS' CLUB

NEW ROOMS AT BLUE RIBBON GARAGE TO BE OPENED FOR PUBLIC THURSDAY NIGHT.

W. E. Seeley, treasurer of the Blue Ribbon Garage, has caused a pleasant room to be set off on the second floor of the garage on Fairfield Avenue to be used by the recently organized Chauffeurs' Club of the city. Jack Weber of the Blue Ribbon Company is the president of the new organization, and has been arranging for the housewarming which takes place on Thursday night. A pleasant evening's entertainment has been arranged with plenty of music and refreshments. The remaining officers of the club will be elected at that meeting. The rooms of the club are tastefully fitted up.

## CITY WILL BE HELD FOR DAMAGES

HORSE FELL IN UNPROTECTED HOLE ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND WOMAN WAS BADLY INJURED.

The city will probably be called upon to make good the damage resulting from the fall of a horse and rider on Connecticut Avenue last Saturday night. V. B. Johnson who operates an express line between Bridgeport and Stratford, was driving toward his home on the highway when he was accompanied by his wife. The horse fell into an excavation made in the street. Mrs. Johnson was thrown out and seriously injured. The horse was extricated from the hole with difficulty and is now at a veterinary hospital. The excavation had been made to reach the gas or water pipes and had been left unguarded either by lights or railings.

## Weather Indications.

(Special from United Press.)

New Haven, Feb. 9. A storm that was central in Colorado yesterday morning has moved eastward and is now central in Iowa. It is producing rain or snow in the central sections of the United States. The front edge of the storm was as far east this morning as Pittsburg, Pa. It is followed by quite a cold wave. Conditions favor for this vicinity, increasing cloudiness and rising temperature followed by snow or rain to-night and Wednesday probably clearing Wednesday afternoon and coming off cooler Wednesday night.

## WALL STREET TO-DAY.

11 a. m.--The stock market in the first hour presented about the same conditions as prevailed all through yesterday's trading. The most important influence was the scant supply of the usually active stocks at around current quotation. After the reaction which followed the higher tone became strong again and a majority of the stocks moved upward steadily. Inter-borough Metropolitan gained 1/2.

Noon.--The market ruled quiet but firm during the last half of the forenoon except for the strength shown in a few specialties. The entire list was quiet at a higher range.

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## "THE KING OF THE SHEPHERDS"

Second Lecture by Madame Mountford at South Church Last Night.

The second lecture last night at the South Congregational church, by Madame Mountford was more interesting than Sunday night. She took for her theme "The King of the Shepherds." The Shepherd life in Palestine is most interesting when fully understood. Hence their importance in understanding the Bible and the appropriate application of the term of The Great Shepherd to Jesus. The lecture brought out the fact in a most interesting manner, how through the evolution of time the shepherd's rod had become, in the hand of the king, to represent the scepter of power in his kingdom and likewise how the shepherd's staff in the hand of the priest or minister, had become the emblem of his leadership in the church; therefore the rod and the staff have become fixed emblems of the state and the church in the world's history; and the understanding of the shepherd life is the stepping stone to a better understanding of the mission and life of the Christ, which is the subject of the three following lectures on "The Life of the Christ;" beginning to-night with the "Nativity and Childhood" of Jesus. The description of the shepherd was so realistic that the audience could almost see the real shepherd in the field with his flock, men counting and training them, then leading them beside the still waters, then climbing the mountains seeking for the lost one gone astray, until he had found it, then the rejoicing over the lost one found. Then in describing the rod, the audience had a laugh, and a hearty applause when she said, "You too here in America are beginning to believe in Scriptures for you all now believe in the 'Big Stick'."

It was a beautiful and instructive interpretation of the 23rd psalm, and when the lecture closed many remarked that they had never before understood the den of manna and the staff of that shepherd psalm, as a rare gem in the literature of the world, from the Bible, the greatest book in the world.

The climax was reached in describing Peter, the impetuous Peter, changed to a good shepherd caring for the church as the "Holy Flock of God." With a still greater climax in describing Jesus as the "Good Shepherd." To-night the subject is "The Nativity of Jesus."

## ANNUAL MEETING OF

BRIDGEPORT TRUST CO.

The stockholders of the Bridgeport Trust Company held their annual meeting at the office of the company, this morning, when the old board of directors was re-elected, with the addition to their number of Arthur W. Burritt.

Mr. Burritt is president and treasurer of the A. W. Burritt Lumber Company and has established an enviable reputation among the business men of the city.

The new board of directors: Francis W. Marsh, Robert E. French, Andrew M. Cooper, D. Patrick Wheeler, William J. Nichols, Horace W. Smith, Edmund H. Judson, Robert R. Wheeler, Herbert Marsh and Arthur W. Burritt. They elected for the ensuing year, the following officers: Francis W. Marsh, president; Herbert Marsh, vice president and secretary, and Edmund H. Judson, treasurer.

The company on Feb. 1 paid its regular semi-annual dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

## Deaths and Funerals.

The funeral of Mary Hattie Willis, who died at the Bridgeport hospital, Sunday, was attended by many relatives and friends at the undertaking parlors of M. J. Gannon at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and at St. Peter's church at 9 a. m. Rev. Father Kelley celebrated a high mass of requiem. The pall bearers were John Johnville, Jerry O'Donnell, Michael Morrissey and Henry Meyers. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

## FAIRVIEW LAWN LOT OWNERS.

The Fairview Lawn property has been deeded by Elizabeth M. Clark to Harvey E. Burr, trustee, who holds same in trust for all purchasers of lots. The statement made in a former issue, that the City Savings Bank now held title, was an error.

## MARRIED.

WHALEY MORLOCK. -- In Danbury, Feb. 4, David H. Whaley, of Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., and Mrs. Katherine A. Morlock.

PASSERO-McDONNELL. -- In Stamford, Feb. 4, Miss Katherine M. McDonnell and Peter A. Passero.

WARNER-WILLIAMS. -- In Torrington, Feb. 5, Clarence B. Turner, and Miss Florence Williams.

## DIED.

BERGQUIST. -- At Stamford, Feb. 5, Augusta M., widow of Sven P. Bergquist.

FLANAGAN. -- At Danbury, Feb. 6, Mary, wife of Patrick H. Flanagan.

McCABE. -- In Winfield, Feb. 4, Michael McCabe, of Norfolk, aged 63.

GOODHUE. -- In Norwalk, Feb. 5, William E. Goodhue, aged 71.

BEEBE. -- In Sharon, Jan. 26, Mrs. Anna M. Beebe, aged 95.

DEXTER. -- In Danbury, Feb. 7, Byron Dexter, aged 81.

WILSON. -- In Norwalk, Feb. 3, Albert Wilson, aged 69.

FERRIRO. -- In Norwalk, Feb. 5, Mrs. Augustine Ferriro.

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## A Proven Weapon.

Every traveler knows that there are certain restrictions upon the introduction of arms into foreign countries. Among the weapons which it is forbidden to take into France is the "tromblon," which is expressly mentioned in the Bengal code as a weapon the carrying and sale of which are not allowed. And yet the "tromblon" is not a firearm which is commonly used nowadays, for it is nothing else than the blunderbuss, a weapon which old caricatures show to have been carried by the guards of coaches as a protection against highwaymen and to have been hung over his fireplace by John Bull at the time of the scare of a Napoleonic invasion a hundred years ago. The blunderbuss had a flintlock, a short barrel and a muzzle like a trumpet, the bell mouth being designed to scatter the slugs with which the primitive piece was charged. Any one who buys one at an old curiosity shop had better take care how he introduces it into France, for the penalty for doing so is a fine of 200 francs. --London Chronicle.

## Took His Joke Seriously.

A funny incident occurred aboard one of our big battleships. While at anchor off some large city a delegation of ladies representing the W. C. T. U. came aboard and were much interested in all they saw. One of the visitors, spying the chit box for the wine mess, which was fastened up in the ward room, inquired what it was. A young officer, being facetiously inclined and not for one moment supposing that his joke would be taken seriously, told her it was a box for foreign missions and that the officers were always glad to have all those who came aboard contribute. Nothing more was thought of the matter till the end of the month, when the box was opened and, to the astonishment of all, was found to contain \$12.30. The dilemma was overcome by sending a check for the amount, together with a letter of explanation, to the secretary of the navy requesting that he have it forwarded through the proper channel to the cause for which it was contributed. --Army and Navy Life.

## Books and Titles.

The more accomplished way of using books at present is to serve them as some do lords--learn their titles and then boast of their acquaintance. --Jonathan Swift.

## Our lives are half spent before we know what living means. --New York Times

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